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It is of much more present importance than a book of ordinary genealogical reference, comprising a dull array of names and dates; for the illustrations of American patriotism in it are authoritatively drawn from actual experience, and are saliently, vitally such as should be pondered in these changeable, eventful times. Its study is educative. Its encyclopedic information is of elementary significance for that student of American history who would know, and properly estimate, the spirit of true American life.

Its editorial construction is dominated by thorough literary culture, judgment, orderliness, and the possession of a terse, vigorous, attractive pen. Scattered through its text are pertinent drawings and portraits. In the regard of fine book craftsmanship it is a model. Whatever person or library that possesses its rare volumes of nearly a thousand pages is to be congratulated.

In the Appendix valuable sketches are given of a large number of New England families connected with the branch of the family to which the author belongs, including the families of Edgecombe, Hawkes, Smead, Bates, Belden, Waite, Nash, Stone, Coleman, Porter, Field, Baldwin, Prentis, Rogers, Griswold, Wolcott, Gilbert, Lord, Stanton, Underwood, Bishop, Perkins, Bixby, and numerous quotations from early records and from authentic printed sources concerning the military and civil services of members of these families, are incorporated in these sketches. So great has been the intermarriage of old New England families that in these pages many of the readers of this book will undoubtedly find details concerning maternal ancestors, even if the entire line of descent does not appear. This section of the book makes it of the utmost value as a general reference work of New England genealogy. Similar ancestral records are interspersed throughout the book, whenever information regarding maternal ancestry of members of the family was received. The general index contains approximately 6,500 references to individuals, and the index to marriages over 2,000 names of persons married to Converses.

In some instances special research was carried on in England to obtain the information desired. This was so in the case of the Converse family, the Edgecombe and Stanton families, and in minor degree of others.

In addition to New England people many Southerners are represented.

THE ANCESTRY OF ROSALIE MORRIS JOHNSON, daughter of George Calvert Morris and Elizabeth Kuhn, his wife. Compiled by R. Winder Johnson. 1905. Printed for private circulation only by Ferris & Leach, pp. 294.

This volume, which is alike an admirable example of careful and thorough genealogical work and handsome book-making, is a memorial

to the late wife of the compiler. Mrs. Johnson was descended from numerous families who from personal worth and public service have ranked among America's best.

Brown, of Northampton county, Virginia ; Carrington of Barbadoes; Calvert, of Maryland; the distinguished Pennsylvania families of Franks, Hamilton, Moore, Morris, Shippen, and Willing are a few of the numerous names treated of. As will be seen from this list, there is much matter of special interest to Virginians.

Researches have been made in England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, the West Indies and the United States to obtain the results set forth.

A large number of letters, diaries, etc., give an unusual amount of human interest to the various genealogical narratives.

HISTORY OF NATHANIEL EVANS AND HIS DESCENDANTS. By James Daniel Evans of the Philadelphia Bar *n. p. n. d.* [1905] pp. viii, 98, IV. Illustrated with portraits, arms, etc.

This is a carefully prepared account of Nathaniel Evans, a Welshman, who settled in South Carolina about 1736, and of his descendants, who have included a number of people of prominence.

There are also notices, of greater or less extent, of the South Carolina families of Godbold, Gregg, McCollum, Gary, Witherspoon, etc., and of various Virginia families connected with that of Evans.

The book is handsomely printed and well illustrated, and is an excellent example of family history. The index is full.

The only criticism to be made in regard to this volume, and one that might include many others, is the practice of illustrating with engravings of coats of arms where there is no positive proof that the families ever used or were entitled to them.